

Notice of Allowability

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1. This communication is responsive to 3/22/2004.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-3,5-18,20-32 and 34-46.
3. The drawings filed on 12/10/2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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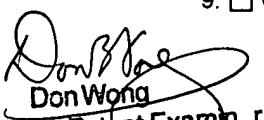
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5. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
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Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
 Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
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5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.


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DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: claim 1 has been allowed over the prior art because they fail to teach a distributed Bragg reflector for use in a vertical cavity surface emitting laser, comprising a group of layers of semiconductor material doped to reduce voltage drop and optical loss in a vertical cavity surface emitting laser, the group of layers further including alternating layers of an InP compound approximately lattice-matched with layers comprising Al_aGa_{1-a}As_bSb_{1-b} where “ a ” and “b” indicate relative proportions of atoms.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: claim 12 has been allowed over the prior art because they fail to teach a device for reflecting light to an active region in a vertical cavity surface emitting laser, comprising: a mirror portion including the element antimony (Sb) and an indium phosphide (InP) compound epitaxially grown on a substrate wherein in the mirror portion there are a group of

layers, the group of layers further including alternating layers of an InP compound approximately lattice-matched with layers comprising $Al_aGa_{1-a}As_bSb_{1-b}$ where “ a ” and “b” indicate relative proportions of atoms, and wherein electric current is pumped through the group of layers forming the mirror portion to electrically pump the active reson.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: claim 17 has been allowed over the prior art because they fail to teach a vertical cavity surface emitting laser, comprising: a pair of mirror portions epitaxially grown on a substrate, the pair of mirror portions including a group of layered stacks of paired semiconductor material, wherein the pair of mirror portions are n-doped to reduce voltage drop and optical loss; the group of layered stacks in each of the mirror portions further including alternating layers of an InP compound approximately lattice-matched with layers comprising $Al_aGa_{1-a}As_bSb_{1-b}$ where “ a ” and “b” indicate relative proportions of atoms: an active region epitaxially grown on the substrate and positioned between the pair of minor portions; a doped tunnel junction configured to provide electron-hole conversion from one of the pair of mirror portions; and wherein the pair of mirror portions, the active region, and the tunnel junction are epitaxially grown on the substrate in a single step, and wherein electric current is pumped through the pair of mirror portions to electrically pump the active region.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: claim 31 has been allowed over the prior art because they fail to teach a vertical cavity surface emitting laser comprising: a substrate on which a pair of mirror portions, an active region and a tunnel junction are epitaxially grown in a single step in which semiconductor elements are deposited to form a multi-layered structure; the multi-layered structure in each of the mirror portions further including alternating layers of an InP compound approximately lattice-matched with layers comprising $Al_aGa_{1-a}As_bSb_{1-b}$ where “a” and “b” indicate relative proportions of atoms at least one metal contact disposed on the substrate, wherein electric current is pumped through the pair of mirror portions to electrically pump the active region.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: claim 43 has been allowed over the prior art because they fail to teach a distributed Bragg reflector for use in a vertical cavity surface emitting laser, comprising a group of layers of semiconductor material to increase thermal conductivity in a vertical cavity surface emitting laser, the group of layers further including alternating layers of an InP compound approximately lattice-matched with layers comprising $Al_aGa_{1-a}As_bSb_{1-b}$ where “a” and “b” indicate relative proportions of atoms.

Claims 2 – 3, 5 – 11, 13 – 16, 18, 20 – 30, 32, 34 – 42, and 44 – 46 has been found allowable due to their dependency on claims 1, 12, 17, 31, and 43.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reason for Allowance".

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Delma R. Flores Ruiz whose telephone number is (571) 272-1940. The examiner can normally be reached on M - F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Don Wong can be reached on (571) -272-1834. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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